

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01459-TJK**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/20/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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FOUNDATION**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/20/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6133498) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Jones, Karianne) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/20/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Jones, Karianne) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/20/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zmc) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/20/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zmc) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
06/03/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE served on 5/28/2019, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/23/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/23/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/22/2019.) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Jones, Karianne) (Entered: 06/03/2019)
06/24/2019	<u>5</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 06/24/2019)

06/24/2019	<u>6</u>	RESPONSE re <u>5</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Jones, Karianne) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
06/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>5</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED, for good cause shown, that Defendant's motion is GRANTED. Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's complaint no later than July 24, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 6/24/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
07/23/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.(Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 07/23/2019)
07/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA action are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure no later than August 14, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 7/24/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 07/24/2019)
08/19/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint MOTION for Leave to File <i>Joint Proposed Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Exhibit)(Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 08/19/2019)
08/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Motion to Late File Joint Proposed Schedule. It is hereby ORDERED, upon a showing of excusable neglect, that the parties' motion is GRANTED. The attached joint proposed schedule shall be deemed timely filed as of August 19, 2019. Upon consideration of that proposal, it is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on October 1, 2019, and on the first of every other month thereafter until the Court orders otherwise. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/20/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 08/20/2019)
08/20/2019	<u>9</u>	JOINT PROPOSED SCHEDULE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (tth) (Entered: 08/20/2019)